



The Blessed Peter Snow Catholic Academy Trust



St. Paulinus Catholic Primary Academy

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"Inspiring all to live, learn and love in the light of Jesus."

cf John 8:12)



ST PAULINUS 'WEEKLY NEWS'

Autumn Term 2, Week 12

1st December 2023

Head's welcome

Our Virtue to live by for next week is: *Patience*

What a wonderful week in school. Following last weeks Catholic School and RE teaching inspection, we have all come in feeling positive but tired! Nevertheless the children have risen to the occasion as it has come round to that time of year again when we all start practising for our nativities! There has already been some wonderful singing and acting in the hall and I can't wait to see the final performances!

In this newsletter, you will find a piece about the outcome of our OfSTED inspection and what the school is working on next. School thanks you for all your support with the inspections and we are so proud of the children and how they conducted themselves for both sets of visitors.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone,

Miss Hayes

KS1 Sports Hall Athletics

On Tuesday our Year 1 and 2 children took part in the sports hall athletics festival, where they played in a range of field and track events, the children were so motivated to do their best and put 110% effort into every event.

St. Paulinus came an amazing 2nd place overall!



Attendance

Last week our whole school attendance overall was 96.41%, and attendance so far 95.77%

We have a zero-tolerance policy on parents taking their children out of school to go on holiday, penalty notices will be issued. If your child is absent for 5 days or more you will need to provide proof of illness.

Attending school on time and every day is such an important part of your child's learning process.



Last week's class attendance:	KS1 -	N-EYCJ:	97.5%	N-EYR:	93.02%	R-EYCJ:	89.4%	R-EYR:	95.8%
		1/2B:	95.1%	1/2C:	99.3%	1/2T:	97.2%		
	KS2 -	3J:	98.5%	3W:	96.3%	4H:	97.9%	4SI:	93.3%
		5T:	99.0%	5W:	95.7%	6H:	97.0%	6S:	97.5%



For their attendance last week, the winners 1/2C will receive a treasure chest of goodies to share in class.

Guidance for Parents: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

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Congratulations to all our Early Years and Key Stage 1 super stars!

**Excellence
Endeavour
Service to School**

Celebration Certificates

EYCJ Charlie P
EYR Joshua G

1/2B Archer N
1/2C Raegan S
1/2T Ella L

Star Readers

EYCJ Alfie S
EYR Noah A
1/2B Harvey B
1/2C Sarah K
1/2T Hassan A

Wonderful Writers

EYCJ Freya K
EYR Oakley H
1/2B Lucy R
1/2C Nola A
1/2T Sufiyan A

Maths Marvels

EYCJ Jorgie L
EYR Jacob T
1/2B Eli McI
1/2C Arlo N
1/2T Imaan I

Outcome of our OfSTED Inspection

The overall outcome was: Requires Improvement. This means that the school is providing a satisfactory or adequate education but there are things we will be working on to move the school to providing a great education. We were very close to achieving this, and hope to achieve it during the next inspection. Personal development, Safeguarding and Behaviour and Attitudes all came out as strong and achieved a grading of "Good". There are no further actions to take in these areas so school's focus will be on the Quality of the Education: the curriculum and on what all learners know and remember so that they can talk confidently about this to future inspection teams. The full OfSTED report is on the website or you can request a copy from the office.

Areas of strength:

- ✓ Provision for safeguarding
- ✓ Our RPSHE curriculum
- ✓ Pupils could talk with maturity and great knowledge about keeping themselves and others safe, how to help one another and about protected characteristics and other faiths – one child said “the most important thing is love”
- ✓ Our opportunities for pupil leadership
- ✓ Our phonics and reading provision for the children
- ✓ A clear love and passion for reading was seen across the school
- ✓ Behaviour was excellent
- ✓ Attitudes towards learning were excellent
- ✓ Strong SEND provision has been implemented which will have a good impact in the future
- ✓ Leaders within the school are making the right decisions and focusing on the right areas of need and development. These are already being tackled and addressed.
- ✓ Impact has already been seen where leaders have put their focus and inspectors were sure that would happen in the new areas for development
- ✓ Good teaching and learning was seen across the school in most classes and in most lessons

Areas for development: This is what school will be working on until the next inspection.

- > Ensure that all curriculum subjects have all the knowledge fully defined – this will enable teachers to close any gaps left over from the pandemic and from the change over of curriculum so that all pupils, including those who are working below age related expectations can build upon their knowledge and know and remember more in every subject.
- > On occasions, some pupils were not given the right task to address the historical learning gaps and match the things they need to learn to close these gaps. School will be supporting, where necessary, teachers in developing meeting the needs of all learners and in designing tasks to enable them to succeed and closing those gaps in knowledge from previous years e.g. over the pandemic.
- > Early Years needs to develop their curriculum further so that the children are more ready for Year 1 and beyond.

Bobby Theatre on Gang and Knife Crime

On Monday, the Penguin Acting and Theatre Production Company came into school to work with our Year 5 and 6 pupils. They provide topical based performances and exploratory workshops to explore themes such as bullying and friendships. The theme of Monday's drama was 'Bobby,' a drama that follows the journey of a 12-year-old boy and his struggles in being unknowingly drawn into the growing issue of county lines, including gangs and knife crime. This piece is in response to the increasing levels of youth and gang violence in Kirklees.

The children watched the events unfold and then had the opportunity to ask each character questions. At the end, all the actors talked to the children about themselves, their theatre company, and the thought-provoking issues they touched on.



HSBC Workshops



On Wednesday, HSBC bank visited Years 5 and 6 to deliver two workshops on banking. Firstly, Year 5 learnt about 'Shopping Sense'. This session looked at how our spending decisions can impact other people. That people have different feelings about saving and spending money. How our spending decisions can be based on my priorities and ethics and how our spending decisions can help support others.



Then, Year 6 had their 'Banking 101' session. They learnt about 'smart gaming' - how to stay on top of their spending online and how to avoid identity theft. The children looked at why some children might overspend in online games and how to make the right decisions. They looked at how too much screen time can affect both their mental and physical health and a variety of exercises they can do to look after themselves. Finally, the children looked at keeping their identity safe online and the security measures they need to have in place.

Years 1 & 2



This week we had great fun in Science investigating magnets. We used a magnet to get paperclips out of the water and manoeuvre a rabbit to the end of the maze.



Today we learnt about The Annunciation and made our very own Mary and angel Gabriel.



Weather Warning

We are approaching the time of year when the weather can change. Should we receive any severe weather, we will make an assessment about whether it is safe to open the School. This decision will be made as early as possible, and you will be informed by text message. You can also check the Kirklees website: www.kirklees.gov.uk/schoolclosures and local radio station.



Please ensure that your contact details are up-to-date. We will only close in exceptional circumstances where the safety of children is the primary concern.

**ST. PAULINUS CHURCH
CHRISTMAS FAIR**

SATURDAY 2 DECEMBER 2023
1:00 - 4:00 pm

Everyone welcome!

Venue: St. Paulinus Parochial Hall

- Santa's Grotto - £ 1.00
- Bottle Stall
- Christmas gifts
- Perfumes / Toiletries
- Refreshments
- Home made products

IMPORTANT DATES

Add these dates to your Diary

Saturday 2 December 13:00 - 16:00 **St. Paulinus Church Christmas Fair**

Saturday 2 December 12 noon - 18:00 **Dewsbury Christmas Lights Switch On event**

Please see School App for more information on this event

Sunday 3 December **First Sunday of Advent**

Friday 8 December
 09:15 - 10:30
 13:30 - 14:45

Parents Invite:
FofSP Christmas Fun & Buns
EYU & KS1 Parents
KS2 Parents

Sunday 10 December **Second Sunday of Advent**

Tuesday 12 December 09:30 **Parents Invite: EYFS Nativity**

Wednesday 13 December 14:00 **Parents Invite: Years 1 & 2 Nativity**

Thursday 14 December 09:00 - 10:30 **Parents Invite: Coffee Morning & Chat with Debby Murphy (Parent Co-Worker)**

Thursday 14 December 09:30 @ St. Paulinus Church **Parents Invite: Years 3, 4 & 5 Christmas Service**

Friday 15 December **Last day for Coppers for CAFOD**

Sunday 17 December **Third Sunday of Advent**

Tuesday 19 December 14:00 **Parents Invite: Year 6 Christmas Production**

Wednesday 20 December 13:30 **Mince Pies & Carols for Grandparents & Parishioners**

Thursday 21 December **Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day, plus Chocolate Raffle**
 (Uniform req'd but with a festive jumper)

Friday 22 December **Christmas 'Non-Uniform' Party Day**

Friday 22 December 13:15 **Early closing**

Monday 8 January 2024 **Bank Holiday / School closed**

Tuesday 9 January 2024 **School re-opens**

Saturday 2 December 2023
 12:00 - 18:00

Dewsbury Lantern Parade & Christmas Lights Switch On Event

The annual lantern parade for the Dewsbury Lights Switch On Event takes place on **Saturday 2 December**, with the Christmas lights switch on at 18:00.

Please see School App (Piota) for full list of activities taking place from 12 noon.

OR programme below

Children in Years 4 and 5 which took part in lantern making workshops last week in school, can take part in the parade by meeting on Wakefield Old Road, next to Dewsbury Town Hall at 16:45 to collect their lantern.

The lantern parade will then set off from outside the Town Hall at 17:15, and follow a short route through the town (closed to traffic), and arrive back at the Town Hall at around 17:30 for a short performance by a choir. The Christmas lights will then be switched on at 18:00 and your child can take their lantern home with them.

DEWSBURY
Christmas Lights
SWITCH ON 2023

LIGHTS ON AT 6PM

Programme

12:00 CHRISTMAS MARKET OPENS

12:00 - 3:00 STREET ENTERTAINERS
 HYDE FAMILY JAM / CALLALOO CARNIVAL ART
 HOLLY & IVY-WE GREAT LADIES

WELCOME - FROM THE STAGE

3:00 OPERA NORTH BRASS

3:20 HARDEEP SAHOTA - BHANGRA DANCE PERFORMANCE

3:50 EARLSHEATON STARLITES MAJORETTES

4:05 THORNHILL SCHOOL UKULELE BAND

4:25 SARAH TAYLOR DANCE STUDIOS

4:40 SONG-GEET

5:05 (LANTERN COLLECTION)

5:15 LANTERN PARADE
 LED BY THE VALLEY BEATS SAMBA BAND

5:30 MUSICA KIRKLEES-
 CHRISTMAS FAMILY BIG SING 2023

5:55 CHRISTMAS BLESSING

6:00 LIGHTS SWITCH ON BY
 PAUL SYKES, CAPTAIN OF DEWSBURY RAMS RLFC
 FOLLOWED BY THE DEWSBURY VERSION OF
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